

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant responds herein to the Office Action dated June 9, 2005.

The Examiner's observation that the applicant has not yet filed a certified copy of the PCT application is noted. During an interview with the Examiner on September 8, 2005, applicant's undersigned representative inquired as to the basis of requiring such "certified copy" of the PCT application. The Examiner promised to get back to the undersigned next week with a response.

Minor amendments in form were introduced in the specification and in the drawings, which are self-evident. No new matter has been introduced by these corrections. The Examiner is respectfully requested to review, approve and enter the amendments to the specification and drawings herein.

Preliminarily, it is noted at the outset, that claims 4 and 5 have been indicated as being directed to patentable subject matter. Accordingly, claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form and formal allowance of claims 4 and 5 is now solicited.

Substantively, claims 1, 2 and 7 stand rejected on grounds of anticipation by Japanese application publication number JP 2001-224550 ("550"). Claims 3 and 6 are stated to be obvious in view of the '550 publication, in further view of Japanese application publication number JP 2002-95623 ("623"). Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments to the claims herein and the following remarks

JP 2001-224550 (Reference 1) and JP2002-95623 (Reference 2) both disclose preventing vignetting (blocking) of a visual field. However, the References do not disclose or suggest vignetting (blocking) of illumination light, which is focused on in the present application. Therefore, the inventions of claims 1, 2 and 7 of the present application are completely different from References 1 and 2, and are not obvious therefrom. These remarks are also applicable to claims 8-19 introduced herein.

Further, claim 1, as amended, recites the existence of the protrusion portion of the hood (for example, the hood 10 shown in Figure 3) and the fact that the distal end has an outwardly sloping surface which, of course, is provided to optimize the angular field coverage that the light emitting device 10 can reach. In claim 1, the claimed "illumination light leading portion" is at or adjacent

that sloping surface, which is much more effective to increase the angular reach of the light rays to avoid shadows. All of the remaining rejected claims in the application include that limitation by virtue of their direct or indirect dependence on claim 1.

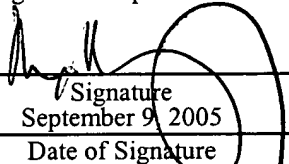
The figures of Japanese publication '550 simply do not show such a construction. At most, they show that the thickness of the wall at the protruding portion is somewhat thinner at certain locations. This is not enough to alleviate the shadow problems that the present invention identified and solved. The same remarks are equally applicable to the drawings and the information conveyed by Japanese publication '623. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in the application are clearly patentable over the prior art.

Therefore, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application, allow the claims as amended and pass this case to issue.

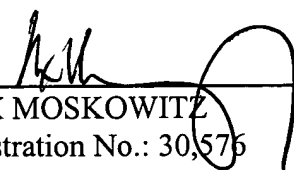
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AMENDMENT TO THE DRAWING(S)

Please find enclosed replacement sheets showing proposed amendments to Figs 2 and 4 for the approval of the Examiner.

Figs 2 and 4 have been amended. The attached sheets of formal drawings replace the original sheets including Figs 2 and 4.



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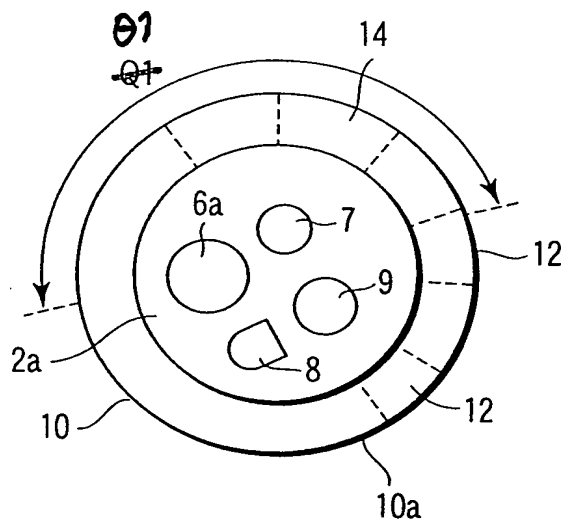


FIG. 2

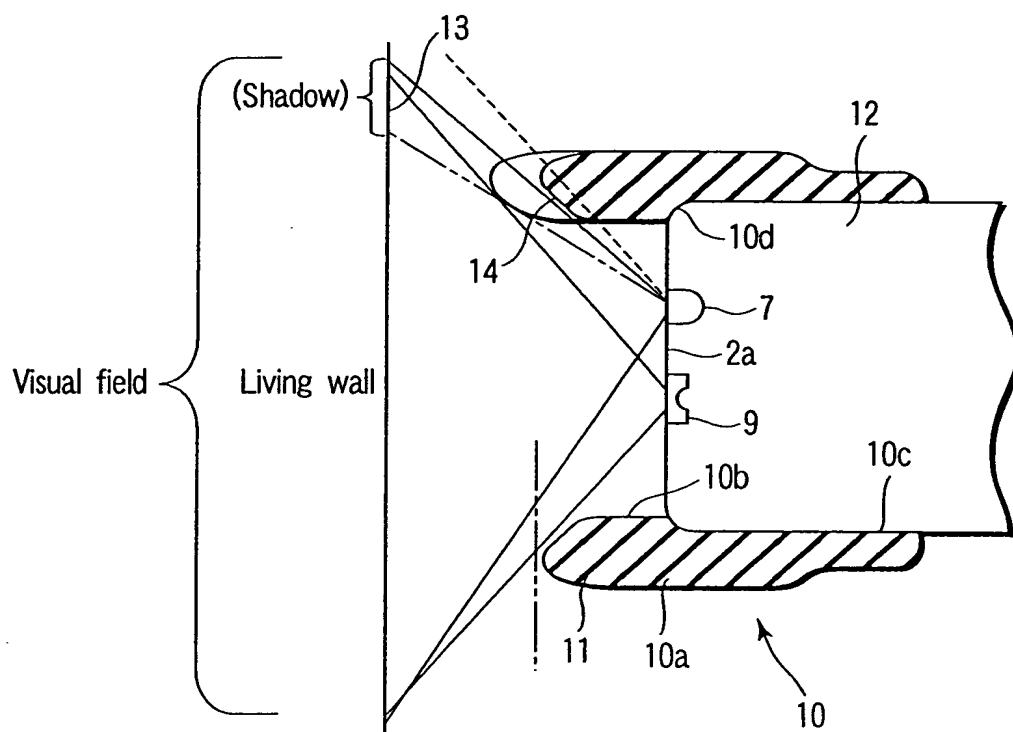


FIG. 3

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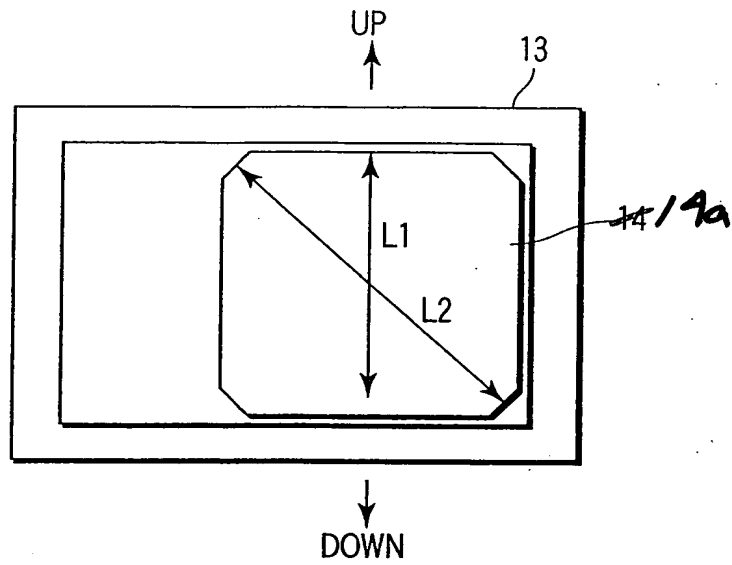


FIG. 4

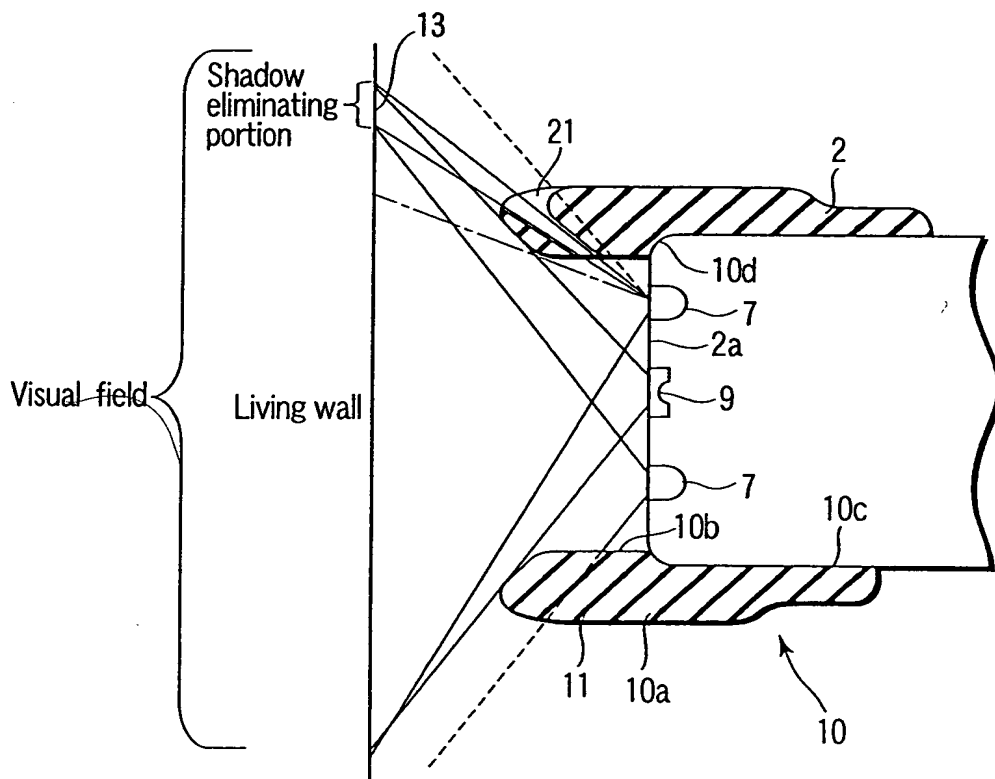


FIG. 5